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TAGS: IS, OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT

REF: TEL AVIV 7359

1. APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED REFTTEL, MANY OF WHICH
HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OUTLINED BELOW.
WE HAVE NOW DISCUSSED VISIT IN DETAIL WITH VICE PRESIDENT'S
STAFF AND HAVE WORKED OUT FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WHICH WE SUBMIT
FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

2. FRIDAY JUNE 30

1605 ARRIVE BEN-GURION AIRPORT.
1610-1615 AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT.
1615 MOTORCADE DEPART AIRPORT FOR KING DAVID HOTEL.
1700 ARRIVE KING DAVID.
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EVENING FREE. (AMBASSADOR LEWIS WILL OF COURSE ACCOMPANY
THE VICE PRESIDENT TO JERUSALEM AND WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
TO VISIT WITH HIM AFTER ARRIVAL AT THE HOTEL. APART FROM
THIS, HOWEVER, IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT THAT
NOTHING BE SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY EVENING--OR FOR SATURDAY
MORNING.)

SATURDAY, JULY 1

1200-1300 LUNCHEON WITH AMBASSADOR LEWIS IN SUITE AT KING DAVID HOTEL.

1600 DEPART KING DAVID FOR TEL AVIV.

1700-1900 MEETING WITH GOLDA MEIR AT HER RESIDENCE PLUS ONE OTHER EVENT.

COMMENT: GIVEN TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV, VICE PRESIDENT'S STAFF SEES 1700-1900 AS PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR TWO EVENTS, BOTH OF WHICH SHOULD BE NEWSWORTHY AND SHOULD SYMBOLIZE THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE VISIT. ONE WILL BE A CALL ON GOLDA MEIR OF ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES. WE SOLICIT YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR ANOTHER EVENT WHICH YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE IN TERMS OF BOTH PRESS PLAY AND SABBATH-RELATED RELIGIOUS SENSITIVITIES. GIVEN THE PRIMARY OBJECT OF THE VISIT, VICE PRESIDENT'S STAFF DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN COMMUNITY PICNIC WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. REFTEL SUGGESTED A VISIT TO A REFUGEE ABSORPTION CENTER ON MONDAY, JULY 3. THIS HAS APPEAL, BUT SATURDAY AFTERNOON APPEARS TO BE THE ONLY TIME AVAILABLE FOR IT. WOULD THIS BE APPROPRIATE, ESPECIALLY PARTICIPATION IN AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY? WE ALSO WONDER WHAT YOU WOULD ENVISAGE OCCURRING DURING A VISIT TO NETANYA AND WHETHER THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE SABBATH. APPRECIATE YOUR RECOMMENDATION AS TO APPROPRIATE SECOND EVENT TO COMPLEMENT MEETING WITH
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MRS. MEIR. SHOULD NOTE THAT VICE PRESIDENT'S STAFF BELIEVES THAT TO VISIT MRS. MEIR ONLY WOULD BE INEFFICIENT USE OF TIME. END COMMENT.

1900-2030 FREE TIME AND LIGHT PRIVATE SUPPER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

2030 RECEPTION HOSTED BY ISRAEL-AMERICAN SOCIETY.

COMMENT: WE SEE NO OTHER TIME DURING VISIT WHEN ISRAEL-AMERICAN SOCIETY CAN OFFER ITS HOSPITALITY. VICE PRESIDENT IS ANXIOUS THAT THE SOCIETY BE AFFORDED THIS OPPORTUNITY AT SOME POINT IN VIEW OF THEIR HAVING EXTENDED TO HIM THE ORIGINAL INVITATION. END COMMENT.

2130-2200 (APPROX.) DEPART FOR JERUSALEM.

2230 (APPROX.) ARRIVE KING DAVID.

SUNDAY, JULY 2.

0925 DEPART KING DAVID FOR PRESIDENT NAVON'S RESIDENCE.

0930-0950 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NAVON.

1000-1100 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AT HIS OFFICE.

1100-1140 GROUP MEETING WITH YADIN, DAYAN, WEIZMAN AND OTHER
MINISTERS AT BEGIN'S DISCRETION.

1145-1210 MEETING WITH PERES (PRESUMABLY IN KNESSET BUILD-
ING)

1215-1230 COMMENTS TO PRESS OUTSIDE KNESSET BUILDING.

1230-1600 DEPART KNESSET BUILDING. VISIT KIBBUTZ SDE BOKER
AND BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY, BEERSHEVA. RETURN KING DAVID.
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COMMENT: VICE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO BOTH VISIT SDE BOKER
AND HAVE LUNCH WITH KIBBUTZNIKS THERE AND VISIT BEN-GURION
UNIVERSITY IN BEERSHEVA. AT THE LATTER, HE IS ANXIOUS TO
PARTICIPATE IN AN APPROPRIATE CEREMONY IN CONNECTION WITH
THE PROSPECTIVE HUMPHREY INSTITUTE THAT WOULD SYMBOLICALLY
LINK VICE PRESIDENT, HUMPHREY, AND THE INSTITUTE. VICE
PRESIDENT'S STAFF WONDERS WHETHER A CORNERSTONE LAYING OR
THE UNVEILING OF A PLAQUE WOULD BE POSSIBLE. WE SOLICIT
YOUR VIEWS ON WHETHER IT IS FEASIBLE TO VISIT BOTH LOCA-
TIONS IN THE TIME ALLOTTED AND, IF SO, WE WELCOME YOUR
IDEAS ON DETAILS OF THIS PORTION OF THE SCHEDULE. END
COMMENT.

1600-2000 FREE TIME AT HOTEL.

2000 OFFICIAL DINNER HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER BEGIN.

2230 RETURN TO KING DAVID.

MONDAY, JULY 3

1000 DEPART KING DAVID FOR YAD VASHEM MEMORIAL.

1015-1045 VISIT YAD VASHEM.

1045-1100 RETURN TO KING DAVID.

1100-1200 FREE TIME AT HOTEL.

1200 ARRIVE AT KNESSET FOR LUNCHEON HOSTED BY SPEAKER
SHAMIR IN BANQUET HALL.

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1200-1330 LUNCH (AND MAJOR ADDRESS BY VICE PRESIDENT).

1330-1400 (PRESS FILING TIME).

1400 DEPART KING DAVID FOR BEN-GURION AIRPORT.

1445 ARRIVE BEN-GURION.

1500 WHEELS UP.

COMMENT: VICE PRESIDENT DOES NOT PLAN TO MAKE A DEPARTURE STATEMENT AT THE AIRPORT. IT IS HOPED THAT HIS SPEECH AT JULY 3 LUNCHEON AT KNESSET WILL BE OPEN TO TELEVISION COVERAGE. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU FORESEE ANY PROBLEM WITH THIS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOI WILL HAVE IDEAS OF ITS OWN ON THE BEST USE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S TIME. CAN ONLY UNDERSCORE THAT ABOVE PROPOSED SCHEDULE REPRESENTS CONSIDERED JUDGMENT OF SEVERAL MEMBERS OF VICE PRESIDENT'S STAFF WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN HIS PREVIOUS FOREIGN VISITS.

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